A DECLARATION And RESOLUTION Of the LORDS and COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

Concerning

His Majesties late Proclamation for suppressing the present Rebellion, under the Command of *Robert* Earle of *Essex*, and the gracious Offer of his Majesties free pardon to him and all such of his adherents, as within 6 dayes after the date thereof, shall lay downe their Armes.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, that this Declaration and Resolution be forthwith Printed and Published.

Hen. Elsyng Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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A DECLARATION Of the LORDS and COMMONS.

The Lords and Commons having received in a letter from his Majesty a Printed paper, Intituled, A Proclamation for the suppressing of the present Rebellion under the Command of *Robert* Earle of *Essex*, and the gracious offer of his Majesties free pardon to him and all such of his adherents, as shal within six dayes after the date thereof lay downe their Armes, doe publish and declare, that the matter of this libellious and scandalous paper, is the venome of those Traiterous Councellors about his Majesty, long since discovered, and so often complained of by both Houses of Parliament, who having for many yeares to-

gether carried on a wicked deſigne, to alter Religion, and to introduce Popery, Superſtition, and Ignorance, the ready way to an Arbitrary and Tirannicall Governement, and for that purpoſe, not onely maintained Agents at Rome, but invited and procured ſundry Nuntioes, or Agents, to be ſent into this Kingdome from the Pope, by which meanes Popery and Superſtition was ſo farre advanced, that nothing but the convening of this Parliament, occaſioned by the comming of the Scots, could in all humaine reaſon have prevented them in their deſigne, the onely true reaſon which theſe miſchievous Councellors, maligning that Power which oppoſes it ſelfe againſt their deſtructive and horrid Counſels, have now at laſt, as the Maſter-piece of all their Machinations, adviſed his Majeſty, in effect, to proclaim at once, his Houſe of Peeres, the Hereditary Councellors of the Kingdome, and his Houſe of Commons, the repreſentative Body of the whole Commons of the Kingdome, to be all Rebels and Traytors,

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& by that paper have endeavoured ſo to blind the eyes of the people, as to make them guilty of their own deſtruction, by helping to ſubdue and deſtroy the Parliament, (the onely means under God, to preſerve their Religion, Law, and Liberties) and to perſwade the Kingdom that his Majeſty by aſſiſtance of Papiſts and perſons popiſhly affected, will maintaine the Proteſtant Religion. That by the helpe of men utlawed and of deſperate fortunes will maintaine the Lawes of the Land, and with Fugitives from parliament, and Delinquents to the Parliament, wil preſerve the priviledges thereof: an attempt ſo deſperate and ſo tranſcendently wicked, that the Lords and Commons doe unanimouſly publiſh and declare, that all they who have adviſed, contrived, abetted, or countenanced, or hereafter ſhall abbet, or countenance the ſaid Proclamation to be Traitors and Enemies to God, the King, and Kingdome, and to be guilty of the higheſt degree of Treaſon that can be committed againſt the King and Kingdome, and that they wil by

the assistance of Almighty God, and of all honest English Protestants, and lover of their Country, doe their best endeavours (even to the utmost hazard of their lives and fortunes, to bring all such unparall'd Traytors to a speedy and exemplary punishment. And whereas the Lords and Commons in Parliament did formerly chuse the Earle of *Essex* to be Captaine Generall of such Forces as are, or shall be raised, for the maintenance of the true Protestant Religion, the Kings person, the Lawes of the Land, the peace of the Kingdome the Liberty and propriety of the Subject and the rights and priviledges of Parliament, The said Lords and Commons do declare, that they wil maintain and assist him, and adhere unto him the said Earle, with their Lives and Estates in the same cause, as in conscience and duty to God, the King, and their Country they are bound to do. And lastly the Lords and Commons doe further declare, that notwithstanding those wicked Councells which inclined his Majesty to make war against our brethren

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of *Scotland*, and by prayers and proclamations read in Churches to pronounce them Rebels and Traytors that with-held his Majesty from setting forth any Proclamation against those bloody and barbarous Rebells in *Ireland*, till *January* last, although the rebellion brak forth the 23 of October before, and notwithstanding the importunity of both Houses of parliament that a Declaration might issue to that purpose, have now advised and prevailed with his Majesty by this proclamation, to invite his Subjects to destroy his parliament and good people by a Civill War, and by that meanes to bring ruine, confusion and perpetuall slavery upon the surviving part of a then wretched Kingdome. Yet the Lords and Commons, to witnesse their constant and unshaken Loyalty and affection to his Majesty, do solemnely declare, That if his Majesty shall immediately disband all his forces, and be pleased to abandon those wicked Councellors, & leave them to condigne punishment, and return and hearken to the wholesome advise of his Great Coun-

Counsell; they will really indeavour to make both his Majesty and his Posterity, as Great, Rich, and Potent, as much beloved at home, and feared abrod, as an *Prince* that ever swayed this Scepter: which is their firme and constant Resolution.

FINIS.